

Dallas County

County Seat: Buffalo

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,233	993	32.8%	25.5%	↑	18.3%	80
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,130	760	27.7%	19.6%	↑	17.5%	70
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	66	92	6.4%	8.6%	↓	8.5%	83
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	23	33	5.7	8.3	↓	7.1	90
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	10	1	2.5	0.3	↑	7.5	3
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	22	14	46.5	29	↑	21.6	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	37	21	9.3	5.3	↑	4.0	62
Education							
High school graduation	109	105	87.9%	96.3%	↑	91.3%	24
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		43		34.1%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		59		41.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		59		36.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		46		37.4%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	16,389
	2018	16,499
Child population under 18	2014	3,983
	2018	3,959
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.3%
	2018	24.2%
Child population under 6	2014	1,158
	2018	1,294
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.1%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	219
	2018	242
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	5.7%
	2018	6.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	76
	2018	94
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	6.6%
	2018	7.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	19.3%
	2014-2018	24.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	80.6%
	2014-2018	75.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	30.4%
	2018	22.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	32.2%
	2014-2018	24.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	26.6%
	2014-2018	21.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	51.5%
	2014-2018	47.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	39.1%
	2018	34.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$40,931
	2014-2018	\$53,450
Adult unemployment	2014	7.4%
	2018	3.9%
Child homelessness	2014	2.8%
	2018	2.6%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	59.6
	2019	62.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	71.0
	2014-2018	90.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	10.2%
	2014-2018	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	23.1
	2018	7.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.7%
	2018	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	11.0
	2018	4.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	3.9
	2014-2018	7.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	49.2
	2014-2018	55.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	42.0
	2014-2018	26.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	83.9
	2014-2018	184.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	%
	2014-2018	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	11.8**
	2013-2017	12.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	72.7
	2013-2017	105.6
Uninsured children	2013	10.4%
	2017	8.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.3%
	2018	94.2%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)